



these phrases, when understood in light of the other highlighted portions of Exhibit 1 in Exhibit 4 of the Declaration, means that a plurality of groups of network configuration settings are tested. More specifically, it was discussed at the interview that these phrases would be understood by an artisan to have the following meaning:

a variety of network setting configurations

a first network setting configuration:      P<sub>11</sub> P<sub>21</sub> P<sub>31</sub> ... (P=parameter)

a second network setting configuration:    P<sub>12</sub> P<sub>22</sub> P<sub>32</sub> ...

a series of connectivity tests

a first connectivity test:      Use P<sub>11</sub> P<sub>21</sub> P<sub>31</sub> ...

a second connectivity test:    Use P<sub>12</sub> P<sub>22</sub> P<sub>32</sub> ...

Thus, a “series of connectivity tests” performed with a “variety of network setting configurations” means that a plurality of groups of network configuration settings are tested.

## **ii. Substantive arguments traversing outstanding rejection**

Applicants emphasized their position discussed on pages 17 and 22-23 of the Amendment that column 10, lines 15-24 of Claessens states that a system administrator selects one of the plurality of test configuration identifiers, which, in turn, causes a network to be configured based on network-related parameters associated with that identifier. Nowhere does Claessens disclose or suggest that the plurality of test configurations in Claessens are provided for the purpose of selecting a particular configuration that optimizes performance of the network.

Applicants further emphasized that the use of Rehkopf to provide the missing disclosure in Claessens of exemplary steps (e) and (f) of claim 7 of automatically repeating different test settings for a plurality of different test configurations is improper for at least the following reasons:

1. Rehkopf discloses a testing process wherein one floating variable at a time is changed, as discussed on page 18 of the Amendment. Rehkopf does not disclose a testing process that automatically selects a different set (group) of test parameters for each testing cycle. It is improper to import Rehkopf's concept of automatically repeating different test settings, while ignoring the actual manner in which Rehkopf operates. That is, if Rehkopf's testing process is to be combined with Claessens, then Rehkopf's testing process must be used within Claessens as it is described in Rehkopf, and not modified to match Applicants' claimed testing process. Modifying Rehkopf's concept of automatically repeating different test settings to match Applicants' claimed testing process wherein a plurality of groups of network configuration settings are tested is improper hindsight reconstruction of Applicants' invention.

2. There is no reason to modify Claessens to repeatedly select different test configuration identifiers in Claessens and thereby automatically conduct network performance tests on the network using different sets of network-related parameters. As discussed above, Claessens discloses that a system administrator selects one of the plurality of test configuration identifiers, which, in turn, causes a network to be configured based on network-related parameters associated with that identifier. Claessens does not discuss that there is any reason or need to select an optimum identifier (i.e., an optimum set of network-related parameters), or that the system administrator should try different identifiers for any reason whatsoever. Again, it is improper hindsight reconstruction of Applicants' invention to fabricate a need to even provide for repeatedly selecting different test configuration identifiers in Claessens, which would thereby lay the foundation for importing Rehkopf's concept of automatically repeating different test settings into Claessens.

3. The Examiner's proposed modification to Claessens to repeatedly select different test configuration identifiers in Claessens, and thereby automatically conduct network performance tests on the network using different sets of network-related parameters, fails the "obvious to try" test sanctioned by *KSR Int'l v. Teleflex Inc.*, 127 S. Ct. 1727 (2007), hereafter, "KSR". According to KSR,

"When there is a design need or market pressure to solve a problem and there are a finite number of identified, predictable solutions, a person of ordinary skill has good reason to pursue the known options within his or her technical grasp. If this leads to the anticipated success, it is likely the

product not of innovation but of ordinary skill and common sense. In that instance the fact that a combination was obvious to try might show that it was obvious under §103.” (emphasis added).

Thus, the fact that something was “obvious to try” might be sufficient to prove obviousness when:

- i. a design need or market pressure to solve a problem existed; and
- ii. there was a finite number of identified predictable solutions; and
- iii. the success anticipated by trying such solutions was realized.

Here, the Examiner has failed to identify the existence of any design need or market pressure to solve a problem. The Examiner’s rationale for the combination rejection is simply that “The different groups of configuration settings are found in Claessens, while the repetition of testing settings is found in Rehkopf.” This rationale does not identify any design need or market pressure to solve a problem that would have led an artisan to modify Claessens with the repetition of testing settings found in Rehkopf. Thus, the Examiner’s proposed modification to Claessens is a textbook example of improper hindsight modification of a reference to build Applicants’ invention.

4. Applicants further emphasized that Claessens is not relevant to the claimed invention since it is used for network performance testing, and not for optimizing network configuration settings for a user’s client machine by adjusting network configuration settings of a user’s client machine.

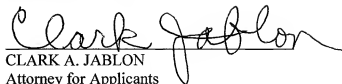
Withdrawal of the outstanding rejection, and allowance of the pending claims, is respectfully requested for at least the reasons discussed in the previously filed Amendment and the additional discussion given above.

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